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1. GENERAL.

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947 for the month of November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which give a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - complete the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT ON BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER 1947 AND THE  
FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : STATES.

State	Benefits paid during November, 1947				Benefits paid during five months ended November, 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N.S.W. (a)	3,981	25,456	707	30,144	40,535	137,979	3,300	181,814
Victoria	1,483	21,301	847	23,631	11,723	92,555	3,349	107,627
Queensland	9,572	11,134	617	21,323	80,217	35,515	3,217	118,949
S.Australia (b)	367	7,290	366	8,023	2,797	34,181	1,484	38,462
W.Australia	2,888	4,702	508	8,098	23,135	25,574	2,139	50,848
Tasmania	214	3,337	177	3,728	1,792	17,768	890	20,450
<u>TOTAL</u>	18,505	73,220	3,222	94,947	160,199	343,572	14,379	518,150

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months November, 1946 to November, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -  
YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER, 1946  
TO NOVEMBER, 1947.

AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1946 -									
November	16,132	1,001	4,348	1,065	201	31	20,681	2,097	22,778
December	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	38	12,710	1,069	13,779
1947 -									
January	6,649	170	3,018	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July (a)	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August (a)	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September(a)	1,440	67	4,564	1,243	121	42	6,125	1,352	7,477
October (a)	1,537	46	4,238	1,272	88	46	5,863	1,366	7,229
November (a)	1,481	57	4,320	1,230	62	22	5,863	1,309	7,172
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1946 -									
November	9,833	874	4,333	983	75	18	14,241	1,875	16,116
December	5,084	176	2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
1947 -									
January	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July (a)	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August (a)	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September(a)	2,091	81	4,558	1,241	141	46	6,790	1,368	8,158
October (a)	1,974	67	4,450	1,247	94	30	6,518	1,344	7,862
November(a)	1,860	72	4,911	1,415	104	32	6,875	1,519	8,394
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
November	12,312	347	6,526	1,828	250	191	19,088	2,366	21,454
December	16,836	495	6,687	1,800	369	210	23,892	2,505	26,397
1947 -									
January	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July (a)	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August (a)	4,209	182	7,858	2,554	237	356	12,304	3,092	15,396
September(a)	3,558	168	7,864	2,556	217	352	11,639	3,076	14,715
October (a)	3,121	147	7,662	2,581	211	370	10,994	3,098	14,092
November (a)	2,742	132	7,071	2,396	169	360	9,982	2,888	12,870

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER, 1947  
AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	November, 1947				Five months ended November 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	228	531	5	764	1,595	2,644	36	4,275
1 and under 2	309	899	13	1,221	1,844	4,495	92	6,431
2 " " 3	193	812	12	1,017	1,303	3,917	78	5,298
3 " " 4	179	772	16	967	1,074	3,803	74	4,951
4 " " 5	114	560	12	686	820	2,805	67	3,692
5 " " 9	298	1,409	42	1,749	2,142	6,413	173	8,728
9 " " 13	147	654	20	821	1,139	2,779	99	4,017
13 " " 27	273	698	28	999	1,623	2,985	117	4,725
27 and over	259	306	15	580	1,392	1,454	60	2,906
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,000	6,641	163	8,804	12,932	31,295	796	45,023

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER, 1947 AND THE FIVE  
MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION  
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	November, 1947				Five months ended November 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	13.0	4.6	9.2	6.6	10.8	4.7	7.5	6.5
13 " "	26.6	15.1	26.4	17.9	23.3	14.2	22.2	17.0
9 " "	34.0	25.0	38.7	27.3	32.1	23.1	34.7	25.9
5 " "	48.9	46.2	64.4	47.1	48.7	43.6	56.4	45.3
4 " "	54.6	54.6	71.8	54.9	55.0	52.5	64.8	53.5
3 " "	63.5	66.2	81.6	65.9	63.3	64.7	74.1	64.5
2 " "	73.2	78.5	89.0	77.5	73.4	77.2	83.9	76.2
1 " "	88.6	92.0	96.9	91.3	87.7	91.6	95.5	90.5
Less than 1	11.4	8.0	3.1	8.7	12.3	8.4	4.5	9.5



(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER  
1947 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	November, 1947				Five months ended November, 1947			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,042	52.1	3,963	59.7	7,196	55.6	17,727	56.6
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,530	23.8	-	-	8,070	25.8
Failure to report (a)	687	34.3	206	3.1	4,290	33.2	1,176	3.8
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	101	5.1	85	1.3	514	4.0	374	1.2
Statutory age limit (b)	17	0.8	13	0.2	76	0.6	71	0.2
Permanent incapacity (c)	44	2.2	291	4.4	218	1.7	1,355	4.3
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	1	0.1	194	2.9	23	0.2	858	2.8
Death	3	0.2	96	1.4	13	0.1	507	1.6
Transfer to another district	33	1.6	96	1.4	222	1.7	510	1.6
Other	72	3.6	117	1.8	380	2.9	647	2.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,641</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,932</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31,295</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.  
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF NOVEMBER, 1947.

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 29th November, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 50 per 10,000 comprising 11 unemployment, 37 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 1947  
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	15	37	1	53
Females	per 10,000 females	2	34	5	41
Person	per 10,000 persons	11	37	2	50

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 29th November, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.(a)	524	35	2,706	885	40	98	3,270	1,018	4,288
Victoria	115	7	1,692	686	33	80	1,840	773	2,613
Queensland	1,664	70	1,065	308	42	69	2,771	447	3,218
S.Australia(b)	43	2	710	218	19	37	772	257	1,029
W.Australia	366	18	551	194	28	40	945	252	1,197
Tasmania	30	-	347	105	7	36	384	141	525
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7,071</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>9,982</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>12,870</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.



(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 29th November, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 1947  
AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	78	27	517	497	1	24	596	548	1,044
20 - 24 "	173	29	656	557	2	29	831	615	1,446
25 - 29 "	217	24	518	289	1	20	736	333	1,069
30 - 34 "	194	10	556	202	4	34	754	246	1,000
35 - 39 "	196	9	649	171	4	36	849	216	1,065
40 - 44 "	244	9	683	179	2	49	929	237	1,266
45 - 49 "	298	9	774	214	4	59	1,076	282	1,358
50 - 54 "	308	8	775	165	3	63	1,086	236	1,322
55 - 59 "	464	6	1,028	118	4	32	1,496	156	1,652
60 years and over	570	1	915	4	144	14	1,629	19	1,648
TOTAL:	2,742	132	7,071	2,396	169	360	9,982	2,888	12,870

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING NOVEMBER, 1947 AND THE FIVE MONTHS  
ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF NOVEMBER, 1947

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947 and by those who were on benefit at 29th November, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the persons being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1947 AND THE  
FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during November, 1947		Admitted during 5 months ended November, 1947		On Benefit at 29th November, 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons	28	1	112	5	47	2
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	76	4	535	30	197	8
Power rationing	-	-	6	4	11	2
Shortage of materials	49	-	500	11	99	3
Strikes and lock-outs	24	-	232	1	31	-
Seasonal work	395	2	1,086	8	411	10
Casual work	253	1	1,984	31	462	5
Other including inadequately defined	289	14	2,059	109	694	27
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	236	26	1,396	141	463	42
Other quits, including inadequately defined	97	7	773	49	148	16
Not Previously Employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	47	-	324	1	110	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	12	-	149	4	57	3
Other	4	4	25	23	12	12
TOTAL	1,510	59	9,181	417	2,742	132

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947 and of those on benefit at 29th November, 1947:

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1947  
AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during November 1947		Admitted during five months ended November, 1947		On Benefit at 29th November 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	157	-	1,022	5	266	2
Other Primary Production	14	-	189	-	42	-
Coal Mining	4	-	204	-	25	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	47	-	218	-	43	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding	122	3	642	12	191	2
Vehicles, including aircraft	30	-	177	-	58	-
Textiles and articles of dress	16	5	93	48	41	17
Food, drink and tobacco	390	5	1,182	36	466	19
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	34	-	243	2	70	1
Other factories, including heat, light and power	60	3	430	19	104	5
Building and Construction	200	-	1,372	-	332	-
Transport and Communication	96	2	738	17	207	7
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	128	10	888	71	264	15
Finance and property	11	-	63	3	21	-
Public Administration and Professional	90	3	923	39	329	13
Personal and Domestic Service	92	25	601	140	201	39
Other	19	3	226	25	82	12
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,510	59	9,181	417	2,742	132

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 29th November, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 1947 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	57	12	165	4	25	3	266
Other Primary including Mining	35	9	42	-	22	2	110
Engineering, etc. including Vehicles	98	11	103	8	29	-	249
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	21	6	406	3	24	6	466
Other Factories	55	21	93	4	41	1	215
Building and Construction	60	9	220	5	35	3	332
Transport and Communication	31	9	122	4	34	7	207
Commerce and Finance	55	14	159	5	51	1	285
Public Administration and Professional (c)	53	11	207	5	49	4	329
Personal and Domestic Service	49	7	100	4	39	2	201
Other	10	6	47	1	17	1	82
<u>TOTAL 29TH NOVEMBER 1947</u>	524	115	1,664	43	366	30	2,742
<u>TOTAL 30TH NOVEMBER 1946</u>	1,550	5,049	4,024	315	1,279	95	12,312

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes civilians previously employed by Australian or Allied Services - N.S.W. 15, Vic. 2, Q'ld. 122, W.A. 14, Aust. 153.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the five months ended November, 1947, and persons on benefit at 29th November, 1947 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during five months ended November 1947				On Benefit at 29th November 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	491	13	1,542	115	174	7	350	28
Victoria	182	39	449	6	36	7	79	-
Queensland	2,279	68	2,621	129	782	29	882	41
South Australia (c)	90	1	53	1	37	2	6	-
Western Australia	998	20	296	25	303	10	63	8
Tasmania	102	-	17	-	28	-	2	-
TOTAL	4,143	141	5,038	276	1,360	55	1,382	77

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING NOVEMBER AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF NOVEMBER 1947

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the five months ended November, 1947, and those current at 29th November, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during five months ended November, 1947				On Benefit at 29th November 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	5,163	1,941	3,741	715	1,595	597	1,201	288
Victoria	3,925	1,413	1,947	482	1,102	501	590	185
Queensland	1,024	501	1,244	339	566	188	499	120
South Australia (c)	1,826	437	863	149	492	174	218	44
Western Australia	1,253	447	928	166	332	144	219	50
Tasmania	483	118	673	128	151	60	196	45
TOTAL:	14,347	4,857	10,096	1,979	4,148	1,664	2,923	732

(a) See footnote to table 3 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N. T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 29th November, 1947, is shown in the following table.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	605	24	629
Other Primary Production	156	-	156
Coal Mining	202	1	203
Other Mining and Quarrying	145	2	147
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	1,038	83	1,121
Vehicles, including aircraft	343	12	355
Textiles and articles of dress	270	423	693
Food, drink and tobacco	469	119	588
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	315	17	332
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	653	151	804
Building and Construction	925	4	929
Transport and Communication	665	54	719
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade	644	409	1,053
Finance and property	44	38	82
Public Administration and Professional	233	433	666
Personal and Domestic Service	345	615	960
Other	19	11	30
TOTAL	7,071	2,396	9,467



(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness, as stated on medical certificate of persons whose admission was notified during November, 1947 and the five months ended November, 1947, and of those on benefit at 29th November, 1947.

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1947  
AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during November 1947		Admitted during five months ended November, 1947		On Benefit at 29th November 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	309	90	1,546	421	339	156
Cancer	29	5	149	33	70	15
Other Tumours	42	26	210	149	90	65
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	256	79	1,461	464	526	225
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	15	25	87	107	32	54
Nervous System and Sense Organs	434	177	2,074	895	756	383
Circulatory System	391	61	1,993	289	857	129
Respiratory System	545	110	3,098	655	706	233
Digestive System	1,083	307	5,355	1,529	1,326	326
Genito-Urinary System	171	123	984	568	322	200
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	83	-	429	-	177
Skin and Cellular Tissue	260	62	1,374	330	280	67
Bones and Organs of Movement	102	30	565	139	179	71
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	76	39	406	193	129	69
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	426	58	2,471	257	926	120
Other Injuries, etc.	447	57	2,449	254	462	69
Operations (original disability not stated)	19	17	139	99	49	28
Other (Including not stated)	11	3	82	25	22	9
<u>TOTAL</u>	4,616	1,352	24,443	6,836	7,071	2,396

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the five months ended November, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - FIVE MONTHS ENDED  
NOVEMBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	3,699	1,538	13,148	1,588	325	82	17,172	3,208	18.68
Victoria	1,475	799	9,056	1,289	284	73	10,815	2,161	19.98
Queensland	8,347	3,190	5,247	769	302	103	13,896	4,062	29.23
S.A. (b)	235	90	4,027	752	104	29	4,366	871	19.95
W. A.	2,043	704	3,256	459	124	22	5,423	1,185	21.85
Tasmania	162	42	1,579	177	56	17	1,797	236	13.13
TOTAL	15,961	6,363	36,313	5,034	1,195	326	53,469	11,723	21.92

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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